The Editor discusses in detail the obsessive controversy over whether Dr. Park lied when he asserted that his order, that "not more than one excited patient should be confined in the same cell," had been given and written on June 20th and subsequently ignored and disobeyed. As for Roaf's complaint that Dr. Park had not placed the order in the usual book, the Editor points out that an order for a "general order book" was posted on July 25; in other words, there had been no "usual order book" until after the order was made, so Dr. Park had not deliberately "hidden" the order or later inserted it in an available space, but had indeed put it in the best possible place. As a Commissioner, Roaf should have known as much (and probably did, the Editor insinuates), since it is the duty of every Commissioner to oversee the books. The Editor concludes most emphatically in Dr. Park's favour:

> The facts are simply thus: -- the prescription book used by Dr. Park was the one which he found in the Asylum when he entered it, and which had been used by his predecessor, Dr. Telfer, as well as by Dr. Primrose, while acting for Dr. Telfer.

He points out that the ink used to write the order was the same colour as that on the rest of the page. As for Roaf's insinuation that orders had been "tampered with" in order to deceive, he challenges Roaf to produce one good example. The Editor implies that Roaf is one of those "political parsons" who should not hold high offices like Commissions.

The Editor of the Mirror complains on December 15 that the Commissioners have tended to conduct their affairs too much in secret, behind closed-doors, interrogating "Keepers, Nurses, Servants, Porters, and Steward" in "Star-Chamber fashion," without giving Dr. Park an opportunity to attend and participate. Such arbitrariness and "despotism" is seen as the influence principally of the Rev. Dr. Roaf. He playfully likens this obsessively treated, now "rediscovered" book to "Pussey" in her well:

> Ding dong bell,
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> Pussey's in the well.
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> Who put her in?